

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

To Phryne's Statue.

Bad thought nor age nor death shall fade
The youth of this cold bust,
When this quick brain and hand that made
And thou and I are dust!

When all our hopes and fears are dead
And both our hearts are cold,
And love is like a tune that's played
And life a tale that's told.

This senseless stone, so coldly fair
That love nor life can warm,
This same enchanting look shall wear,
This same enchanting form.

Its peace no changes shall destroy,
Its beauty age shall spare,
The bitterness of vanished joy
The wearing wastes of care.

And there upon that silent face
Shall unborn ages see
Perennial youth, perennial grace,
And sealed eternity.

And strangers, when we sleep in peace,
Shall not quite unmoved,
So smiled upon Phryne,
The Phryne whom he loved.

—William W. Story.

Flag Returned.

Confederate women and Confederate veterans in Richmond were interested to note the return of a Confederate flag, made by North Carolina women, carried by the Tenth North Carolina Regiment, and captured by the Fifth Rhode Island Regiment of United States troops at the fall of Fort Monroe, April 28, 1862.

The flag was made by sisters of Beaufort, N. C., Misses Mary and Henrietta Robinson, Mrs. C. L. Robinson, Mrs. Susan Howard, and the red and white and the silver stars of the Confederacy, with two dates inscribed, that of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and that of the secession of the State.

It was brought back to Raleigh on Friday, March 21, by Chief Justice W. W. Douglas, of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, who occupied the private car of President Spencer, of the Seaboard Air Line, with his party, including Mr. A. H. Larkin, New York; Messrs. Studley, Shepley and Watson, from the north country; M. J. Perry and F. S. Cannon, of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad; W. W. King, M. W. McGuire, of Norfolk, Va., and J. F. Case, New York city.

The flag was placed in the State chamber with impressive ceremonies. After its capture it was given to Captain Arthur Dexter of Providence, Rhode Island. At the Captain's death his widow presented it to the Rhode Island Veterans' Association, with the understanding that they should return the flag to the survivors of the Confederate company from which it was taken.

General Julian S. Carr, commander of the North Carolina Confederate Veterans, presided over the exercises.

The women who made the flag were represented at its return by Mrs. C. A. Clawson, Jr., and Mrs. W. S. Robinson, daughters of Mrs. Poole, and by Misses Nellie and Eliza Howland, daughters of Mrs. Susan Howland.

Have Chosen Lily.

The ladies of the Methodist Church have chosen the water lily as the emblematic flower for their booth at the April Floral Carnival, to be given for the benefit of the Woman's Christian Association and the Day Nursery.

Mrs. M. C. Smith, is general chairman, with an efficient corps of helpers.

At Homes Continue.

Mrs. Swanson will be informally at home at the Mansion Wednesday afternoon of this week, and on following Wednesday afternoons.

Miss Leah Tallaferra, of Gloucester county, who has been Mrs. Swanson's guest at the Mansion, is now visiting her cousin, Mrs. Robertson, at No. 207 West Franklin Street.

Personal Mention.

Mr. C. L. Denoon is quite sick at his home, on Fulton Hill.

Miss Pauline Grant entertained on Thursday last, in honor of her guest, Miss Holladay, of Rapidan, Va.

Miss Anne E. Cooper, of No. 106 South Meadow Street, is spending a few weeks with friends in King William county, Va.

Mrs. Margaret Williams, of Washington, D. C., has been spending some time most enjoyable as the guest of Miss Emily Waddill. She has received many delightful social attentions, and has been the guest of honor at a number of charming social affairs.

Mayor Furness and Mr. Frank Kearney, of Hampton, Va., have returned home after spending several days in Richmond.

Mr. Louis Hankins has been in Richmond for the past week. He expects to leave soon for West Virginia, where he has a railroad contract.

Commonwealth's Attorney B. A. Lewis, of Hampton, left for that city on Friday morning last.

Mrs. T. S. Reynolds, of Smithfield, Va., is undergoing medical treatment in Richmond.

Colonel J. E. Morris, of Orange, has sufficiently improved under the care of Richmond physicians to be able to return home.

Miss Josephine Sizer is visiting Mrs. H. O. Lyne in South Orange, Va.

Mrs. A. R. Collins and children are visiting Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Faber, in Gordonsville.

Judge and Mrs. Lucas and Miss Lucas are at the Jefferson, returning from the South to their home in West Virginia.

Mrs. J. R. Michle was the recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. G. Watkins, in Gordonsville.

The Irvington Union of Friday last says: "The launch Blaine left here Sunday for a trip down the Bay and into the James, having aboard Captain Messick, Messrs. B. G. Doggett, C. T. Love, F. G. Newbill, W. McD. Lee, Harry Waters and Irving Messick. They are spending several days in Richmond, Mr.

Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

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THE SONG OF FAITH.

By JOSIAH GILBERT HOLLAND.

Josiah Gilbert Holland was born in Belchertown, Mass., July 24, 1812, and died in New York, N. Y., October 12, 1881. Though a graduate of medicine, he became one of the editors of the Springfield Republican. Afterwards he projected Scribner's Magazine and The Century.

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Night will come with a newer moon;
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Evil is only the slave of Good;
Sorrow the servant of Joy;
And the soul is mad that refuses food
Or the meanness in God's employ.

The fountain of joy is fed by tears,
And love is lit by the breath of sighs;
The deepest griefs and wildest fears
Have holiest ministries.

Strong grows the oak in the sweeping storm;
Safely the flower sleeps under the snow;
And the farmer's hearth is never warm
Till the cold wind starts to blow.

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This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

Irving Messick having made a flying trip to see his sister, Miss Kate, at the Woman's College, in Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harwood are in Arizona, and will probably remain there until Mr. Harwood's health is completely restored.

Mrs. Samuel Haynes, who has been the guest of Mrs. John B. Pinner, in Suffolk, Va., is now visiting Colonel and Mrs. T. B. Smith.

The Baltimore Herald of Friday pays the following compliment to Virginia visitors in the Monumental City by saying:

One of our recent guests is a most attractive Virginia girl, Miss Emily Abbott, who is visiting Miss Emily Peter, of North Calvert Street. Mrs. Robert Neville, of Rectortown, Va., is in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Southgate Lemmon, while yet another Virginia girl is Miss Mattie Brown, of Front Royal, who is the guest of Mrs. Alfred J. McKay, of Forest Park.

Miss Sarah Wadley, of Macon, has been appointed as sponsor for Georgia at the New Orleans reunion of Confederate veterans, and has appointed Miss Rose Truchfield, of Macon, as her maid of honor. The selection of these two young women will result in Georgia's being most charmingly represented. Miss Wadley is greatly admired, and Miss Truchfield is one of the most popular and attractive young women of Macon.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, the latter formerly Miss Armstrong, of Baltimore, are at Monte Carlo, where they have as their guests on board their yacht Marguerite, the hereditary Princess von Hohenlohe, Grand Duchess Vladimir and Boris, of Imperial Russian family, and Grand Duchess Anastasia, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the mother of the Crown Princess of Germany.

Miss Alma Cecil has been the recent guest of Miss Madeline Miller, at Bon Air, where Miss Belle Plender is visiting Mrs. Allan Ferguson.

Miss Clarice Watkins, of Gordonsville, who has been the guest of Miss Mamie Watkins, in Richmond, has now gone to Newport News to spend several weeks with friends.

Millions of Staves.

New York Apples to Be Packed in North Carolina Gum.

NORFOLK, Va., March 4.—J. D. Church, president of the Church Copeage Company, of New York, one of the largest firms of barrel-makers and brokers in the world, is in Norfolk to close a deal for staves sufficient to make 1,000,000 barrels to be used in the packing of New York State apples. Before he leaves Norfolk Mr. Church will have a contract with the Norfolk Veneer Company that will involve an outlay of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 and will bind the local company to the delivery of some 20,000,000 staves.

The Norfolk Veneer Company, which recently was organized and chartered, is operating a plant on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, between Church and Granby Streets. The barrel stock will be made from North Carolina gum logs.

Augusta Items.

STUARTS CRAFT, Va., March 3.—Mr. H. Y. Livesey has accepted quite a lucrative position with the Tidewater Company as draughtsman, with headquarters at St. Albans, Va.

Dr. Zirkle and his son-in-law, Mr. Rolfe, are moving to this town, which they recently purchased from Mr. John McChesney.

Miss Finney, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Farrer, has returned to her home, in Ohio. She made many friends while here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Asquith and little daughter Josephine, who have been here for a few years, have returned to Montreal, Canada.

Mr. W. P. Campbell, Jr., left yesterday for Cincinnati, O., where he has secured a good position with the Big Four Railroad Company.

Hanover Roads.

ALBURN MILLS, Va., March 4.—Hood's description of the English country roads as "wholly impassable, not even jack-sable," might be applied to the roads in Hanover generally, but more particularly to the stretch of five miles between this place and Berea Church.

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A RIVAL COUNTY ASKS DISTILLERY

One Claims That the Other Has Obtained Undue Advantage Over It.

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MEHERRIN, Va., March 4.—There is a fight on here in both Lunenburg and Prince Edward counties over the distillery. The one now doing business on the Prince Edward side was established here a few years ago, after the Mann law was put in force, and several weeks ago the matter was taken up by the church people in this vicinity, and various petitions were circulated, forcing the Legislature to give the people another vote on the question, compelling the whiskey men to secure three-fourths of the votes in order to have the distillery remain. A large number of voters gladly put their names to the petition, which will be presented to the Legislature within the next few days, and while this was going on in Prince Edward county, petitions were being carried all over Pleasant Grove District, Lunenburg county, to establish another distillery on this side, almost directly opposite the one already here. It is not known how many names were secured to the second petition, but it is understood that this, too, will be presented before the law-makers of Virginia during the first of the week.

Those who have interested themselves in this matter on the Lunenburg side claim that the Lunenburg people are drinking too much of Prince Edward's whiskey, thereby increasing the revenue of their sister county and making Lunenburg poorer the whole time. Should the second one be established here, it is quite evident that the rivalry will be very warm between them.

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EXTEND RAILROAD INTO COAL COUNTRY

Contract for Building of New Line Has Already Been Let.

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BRISTOL, Va., March 4.—The contract for seven miles of railroad, the same to be an extension of the Black Mountain Railway, in Lee county, Va., has been let to the Callahan Construction Company, of Knoxville, Tenn., the contract price being \$100,000. Bristol people in the main own the property that are to be developed by this railway extension, and also own the railway. This proposed new section of road will reach additional valuable coal properties, and give the properties of the Black Mountain Coal and Consol. mining corporations, composed principally of Kentucky and Ohio capitalists, have recently been formed, and are claiming leases on the rich coal lands of Lee county, and will begin a mining and coking business there as a result of the extension of the railway facilities to that field.

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